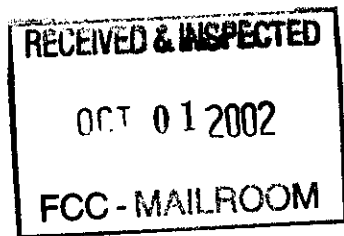




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September 27, 2002

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

FROM: Daniel Long <sup>DL</sup>  
Assistant Commission Attorney  
North Carolina Utilities Commission

RE: CC Docket 96-25 <sup>4</sup> – Certification for Non-rural Companies  
CC Docket 96-45 and 00-256 – Certification for Rural Companies

Attached please find copies of the letters we sent to you certifying rural and non-rural companies for high-cost support in the above dockets. Our records indicated that the FCC mailroom received these documents on September 12, 2002.

However, there was a mix-up in getting these letters to the Universal Service Administrative Company, where they were received in New Jersey but not forwarded to Washington. Out of an abundance of caution and at the USAC's suggestion, we are resubmitting these letters to you.

We have, of course, now submitted copies of these letters to the USAC at the appropriate address.

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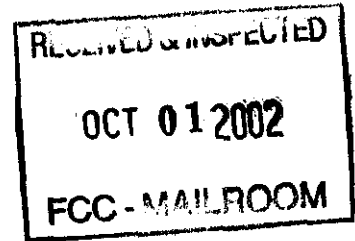
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RE: CC Docket 96-45  
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)  
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133L)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow non-rural service areas, to receive federal high-cost support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.309 or 54.311.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.313(b), the NCUC certifies that North State Telephone Company and Verizon South Inc., f/k/a GTE South Incorporated are eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The NCUC further certifies that these Companies will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Very truly yours,

Jo Anne Sanford, Chair  
North Carolina Utilities Commission

cc: Office of Administrator  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
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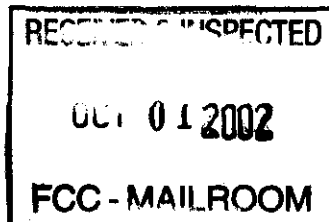


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RE: CC Docket 96-45 and 00-256  
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)  
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow rural incumbent local exchange carriers, or eligible telecommunications carriers in rural service areas, to receive federal high-cost support.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.314, the NCUC certifies that ALLTEL Carolina, Inc., Barnardsville Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company, Concord Telephone Company, Ellerbe Telephone Company, LEXCOM Telephone Company, MEBTEL, Inc., Pineville Telephone Company, Randolph Telephone Company, Saluda Mountain Telephone Company, and Service Telephone Company are eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The NCUC further certifies that these Companies will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Very truly yours,

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